

As a licensed amateur radio operator, I must express my opposition to the implementation of the BPL technology. Field tests by the American Radio Relay League at beta test sites have shown the noise levels generated by BPL would obliterate all but the strongest radio signals. This would affect not only the amateur community, but government and commercial communications as well. In addition, the RF energy generated by BPL will propagate like any other HF signal beyond our borders, affecting international communications as well.

As you know in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, amateur radio communications were the only constant, reliable communication facilities available in and around Ground Zero. With a present emphasis on "homeland security", any action which diminishes radio capabilities in the United States must not be allowed.

We cannot succumb to pressures from utility companies in search of the almighty greenback. To do so would sabotage legitimate users of the HF frequencies that depend on the HF spectrum.

Common sense dictates that BPL be totally rejected. I urge the Commission to reject BPL.

Thank you.

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